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Applicant: BUECHLER et al.
Title: METHODS FOR MONITORING
THE STATUS OF ASSAYS AND
IMMUNOASSAYS
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Examiner: Lisa V. Cook
Art Unit: 1641

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith on Form PTO-1449 a listing of the documents to be considered in the instant case. Copies of the cited documents are not being provided herewith. Rather, Applicants direct the examiner to the documents which are contained in the file history of U.S. PTO application Serial No. 09/003,065, filed January 5, 1998 (now U.S. Patent no. 6,194,222), which is the parent of the instant application. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d) and MPEP § 609(I)(A)(2), Applicants need not submit the references since the parent case is relied on for priority and is specified in this information disclosure statement. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d) and MPEP § 609(I)(A)(2), the examiner is requested to consider the references in the parent case and to make this of record in the instant case.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

All of the documents are in English.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

FEE

A fee in connection with submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) in the amount of \$180.00 in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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